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## SINGULAR AFFAIR

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Some two weeks since a merchant in Bangor, Me., in emptying a tea chest, found in the bottom a snuff box containing a five dollar bill on the (N. H.) Bank, and attached to it the following epistle written on a piece of paper of the quality generally used by the Chinese in putting up tea in pound packages.

PRIN, Dec. 1847.

Dear Mother—I am a prisoner in the Tea House, and have been for six years. I wish you would go to Washington and get our government to interfere and obtain my release.

sent to me by an American gentleman—is of no use to me, but it may be to you.

EDWARD LOVELL.

Directed to Mrs. Nancy Lovell, Boston, Mass.

**SLAVE LABOR IN FACTORIES.**—The proprietor of the factory at Tuscaloosa, Ala., makes a calculation in one of the Southern papers to show that, if the Eastern factories can make cloth at ten cents per yard, he can make it

at 8½ cents. This factory is worked by slave labor, and another is in progress in Tuscaloosa county, also to be worked entirely by slaves, which will run a thousand spindles.

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**THE BIBLE.**

This single Book I'd rather own  
Than all the gold and gems  
That e'er in monarch's coffers shone;  
Than all their diadems.

The earth a golden ball,  
 And diamonds all the stare of night,  
 This Book were worth them all.

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**EXPORTING HOUSES TO CALIFORNIA**—Mr. David S. Anderson, of Trenton, N. J., has contracted to build one dozen frame buildings to be sent to California. The different parties will be numbered so that they may be put together at San Francisco.

PETITIONS in favor of cheap postage are being numerously circulated and signed in Boston.

He who cocks his hat on one side is a bully or a coward; he who wears it thrown backward is a simpleton. The man who wears his hat forward is a banterer and a sneerer, and he who half buries his eyes beneath his cap

Look out, girls—Leap Year will soon be here.

**NO MAN** ever repented of having kept a silence, but many that they have not done so.

**DRUNKENNESS** is but voluntary madness; it emboldens men to do all sorts of mischief.

**A BAD SIGN.**—A young lady, named Jane Carson, obtained \$850 damages of Fling-Hufty, in Philadelphia, on Friday, in consequence of her being slapped and insulted by him.

PARIS.—The population of the city, including the suburbs, is one and a half million.—In New York the population is 400,000, and she has two hundred Churches. Paris has only *forty-two*, and some of these vacant on the Sabbath.

**THE PANAMA RAILROAD.**—The *National Intelligencer* considers it fortunate that the privilege of constructing a railroad across the Isthmus has fallen into the hands of Americans—regarding all other schemes toward an expedition communication with the Pa-

fic as vague, uncertain and distant. For this way has been paved by our Treaty with the Republic of New Grenada, securing the right of way over the Isthmus, and guaranteeing its neutrality. Private capital invested here will be safe, if our Government can protect it. The Isthmus of Tehuantepec, offers no such security; and, besides, the rights granted some years ago by Santa Anna, for constructing a road across it, has fallen into

the hands of Messrs. Manning, McIntosh & Co., an English house.

**BUCKWHEAT CAKES.**

Talk of the Mariner's compass the steam engine or magnetic telegraph. The all sink into insignificance compared with the following instruction for baking buckwheat cakes so important if true:

"The griddle on which buckwheat cake

are baked should never be touched with grease. Firstly, because it imparts a rancid taste to the cakes. Secondly, if a cooking stove is used, it fills the kitchen, if not the whole house, with the smell of burnt grease. —to say nothing of the parade, and boasting to one's neighbor, by betraying what we have for breakfast. Wash the griddle with hot soap suds, scour with dry sand, and when heated for use, rub it well with a spoonful of

time salt and a coarse cloth; it will then be ready to receive the cakes. After each cake is removed, the salt rubbing must be repeated. If the first does not succeed, try it again, and you will ever after follow the advice of an old house keeper."